effectively enforce legislation relating to crimes against women and monitor the enforcement and to give more focused attention to improving the administration of criminal justice system and to take such measures as are necessary for the prevention of crime against women and other vulnerable sections of society. The measures suggested include:

- sensitizing of police officials charged with the responsibility of protecting the women.
- vigorously enforce the existing legislation relating to dowry violence.
- set up women police cells in police stations and exclusive women police stations.
- provide institutional support to the victims of violence.
- provide counseling to victims of rape.
- take measures to eliminate trafficking in women. States have also been advised to constitute State Advisory Committees to advise on trafficking matters.
- ensure wider recruitment of women police officers.
- train police personnel in special laws dealing with atrocities against women.
- setting up of Fast Track Courts
- setting up of Family Courts
- appointment of Dowry Prohibition Officers and notification of Rules under the Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961

Juvenile Homes

†2901. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether children living in juvenile homes of different States are provided suitable atmosphere and in what manner these juvenile homes function to improve children;

(b) whether State Governments review and monitor the functioning of such juvenile homes in different States;

(c) whether Central Government are informed about it and if so, whether Government find management and functioning of these juvenile homes or orphanages satisfactory; and

(d) whether the State Governments have received complaints also in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) Rule 28 of the Model Rules, 2001 framed under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000 provides for setting up of children homes and specifies the physical infrastructure of homes like separate facilities according to age group of children, standard of accommodation, adequate lighting, ventilation, heating and cooling arrangements, drinking water and toilets and other facilities like clothing and bedding, nutrition, medical facilities, education, vocational training, counselling, recreation facilities, which are to be provided to the children staying in these homes. All the State Government run homes as well as Non Governmental Organisations (NGOs) run homes under the above said Act, are run as per the provisions of the Act and Rules.

(b) and (c) The State Governments review and monitor the day to day functioning of those homes through State, District or City level Inspection Teams. These teams are constituted by the State Government on the recommendation of the Selection Committee under Rule 29 of the Model Rules. The teams share the information with all concerned. As and when Central Government calls for information, the State Governments pass on this information.

The Ministry has got monitoring and inspection of the homes conducted recently through its officials, State Governments and Voluntary Organisations, etc. to review the basic facilities available in these homes as well as implementation of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000 in the State.

(d) This Ministry does not maintain such record. However, if any complaint is received in the Ministry, it is immediately taken up with concerned State Governments for appropriate action.

Short stay homes and family counselling centres

2902. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether government propose to open short stay homes and family counselling centres in each district of the country for providing shelters to women;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of such centres likely to be opened during the current financial year; and

(d) the time fixed to cover all the districts of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) to (d) The Central Social Welfare Board implements the Schemes of Short Stay Homes and Family Counselling Centres. As per the report of the Working Group on Empowerment of Women for the Eleventh Plan, it is proposed to merge the Short Stay Homes and Swadhar Homes Schemes and have one Swadhar Home in each district in the Eleventh Plan.